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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members who have joined since the last Newsletter:

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MEMBERS' LETTERS

Since becoming a member of the Clan MacKenzie Society a year ago, I have regained my enthusiasm for adding to my family tree and thus filling in some gaps, perhaps with the help of other members. My family is related to the explorer, Sir Alexander Mackenzie through his sister Margaret, who married Captain James Dowie of the Royal Navy. My great-grandmother, Mary Grey (m1 Rev. George Measor; m2 Henry Lockhart Smith) nee Dowie, is our connection, and I would very much like to hear from anyone with a similar lineage. I know that Margaret and Capt. Dowie had a son, Kenneth Mackenzie Dowie (1834-1916) who married Lillian. I have the signed originals of their Wills.

I would be grateful and interested in hearing from anyone who could provide further data of any kind.

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[Ed: I showed Sonia Mackenzie (Lieutenant to Cabarfeidh) Judy Parry's letter when she was visiting here for a few days on her way home to New Zealand from the Clan Gathering in Scotland. Sonia reminded me that she had sent me a family tree of Sir Alexander Mackenzie some time ago and it does indeed show the Dowie family connection. A copy of this family tree

Cabar Feidh Newsletter:

Members who wish to write to the Society with contributions to the Newsletter please send submissions to The Editor, Clan MacKenzie Society, 580 Rebecca St., Oakville, ON L6K 3N9. or e-mail to alan@mkz.com
Clan Web Pages: www.clanmackenzie.com & www.electricscotland.com/mackenzie



Commissioner Ken Mackenzie took this photo of part of a band wearing Mackenzie tartan at the Glengarry Highland Games in Maxville. He then set us a quiz as to which country this band came from. We all were wrong. This new band comes from Mexico! Smart choice of tartan guys!

was provided to Mrs Parry at the Clan Picnic in Toronto.]

The following letter is from Commissioner William MacKenzie in British Columbia

I have sad news ... my dear father John ("Jock") MacKenzie has passed away ...he did have a long



Jock MacKenzie

and full life. He was born in Lochcarron Ross-shire Scotland in 1910 came to Canada in 1928 and

lived in Ocean Falls, B.C. He joined the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada at the beginning of WW.II and later transferred to the Winnipeg Rifles. He went ashore on D-Day at Juno Beach and participated in the liberation of Holland. He and his wife Rachel had three children Judy, Catherine and William. He's survived by many grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He passed away August 26, 2005 at age 95. He was a true Highland Gentleman, much loved and will be sorely missed.... My best regards to all the assembled MacKenzie sincerely... William

A number of members renewed quickly this year and several commented on how pleased they were with the Clan Society. Here is a note from Anne MacKenzie in Brantford, Ontario appended to her dues renewal slip:

The clan membership and magazine just gets bigger and better every year - thanks to very hard working and devoted members.

This from long-time member Terance G. McKenzie in Chelmsford, Ontario:

Thank-you for all your hard work and the newsy Cabar Feidh Magazine.

CALGARY HIGHLAND GAMES

SEPTEMBER 3, 2005

FROM SHEILA MCKENZIE

Hello from Calgary. Well, I broke down and organized a tent for the local Calgary games. Susan and I took the tent etc. down at 07:30 and Ruari came soon after to help us erect the tent. My grandson Evan was there with the Air Cadets and he was a big help also. Annetta Starrett and Joan Winwood relieved me about 10:30 when my energy ran out and Betty Hall and Sheila MacKenzie helped Susan in the afternoon. There were not as many clans this year - but the grounds were better organized. We have some ailing members and plan to have a History night when they are back on their feet.

It is most frustrating to have so little stamina!! Thank heavens for helpers.

As Ever, Sheila

[Despite ill-health Sheila McKenzie still finds time to help as much as possible with Alberta events. She is quite a soldier - thank you Sheila!]

The following is from a man who phoned me earlier. I think he said he was a native person of Canada.

Hi,

My name is Lucien Mckenzie



This photo was sent in by member Kathy Gastle and was taken at the Clan Picnic and AGM at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto. This is Kathy's message: "It was wonderful to attend the MacKenzie Clan Society picnic on Sunday with Jessie in her 101st year. I thought you would enjoy this photo of Jessie standing in front of the MacKenzie house with Miriam Smith, Black Creek Pioneer Village interpreter. The village states that the log house was built in 1830, in Woodbridge, Ontario with a kitchen added in the 1850's. It is amazing that Jessie is still standing 100 years later and just as amazing the log cabin which is well over 100 years." There is a report below that Jessie died shortly after this final visit to her old home.

from Schefferville in the north of Québec province. There are lots of McKenzies here in Sept-Îles and Schefferville. Our ancestor was Alexander McKenzie who worked for Hudson Bay Company in 1832 and died in 1850. He was born in 1812, Dingwall, Scotland.

He had many sons from his spouse named Comeau and many of the Mackenzies have relatives with other families in our area in

Labrador and Québec. Some researches are made in our community. There are over four or five hundred descendants of our Alexander Mckenzie.

I will send you a family tree of it soon. Good day,

Lucien Mckenzie
lucien.mckenzie@globetrotter.net

JESSIE MACKENZIE GLYNN

We are sad to report the death of our 100-year old member Jessie Mackenzie Glynn. The following message was sent by her close friend and our member, Kathy Gastle

"It is with deepest regret that I announce the death of our friend Jessie Mackenzie Dalziel Glynn, on October 10th 2005. I was grieved

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This message and photos from Angus and Pam MacKenzie of Honeoye Falls, New York.

We hope you got back safe and sound from Scotland. We had a very busy time and enjoyed a week of fishing, then time with family getting back two days ago.

You will remember we took a party to Clachan church on the old Mackenzies of Ballone territory. We had a very interesting and poignant service by the Rev. James Gemmel. He gave a full hour and themed the sermon on immigration and the Mackenzie connection with the area. The Mackenzie group from North America gave great voice to the hymn singing and considering the service was held on a Monday afternoon a surprising number of locals turned up to join in.

I returned to the church at a later date to visit family burial sites and pictured the enclosure where the Mackenzies of Ballone are interred. One of the pictures shows the stone of Alexander Mackenzie who died 1724 aged 80 years. You will note that another stone in the enclosure has a small Canadian flag pinned on to it.

Slainte, Angus and Pam, Honeoye Falls



beyond measure to learn last night at 10:00 pm that death removed Jessie from our midst. No plans have been announced by the family yet. Jessie's son Peter and his wife Arlene just returned yesterday from a European tour and learned of Jessie's passing. Kathy Gastle."

I was pleased that we were at least able to see Jessie one last time when she attended the Clan Picnic and Gathering at Black Creek Pioneer Village in Toronto recently.

We have lost the matriarch of the Clan and it is a sad loss indeed.

Alan McKenzie

BLUIDY MACKENZIE

The following is from The Scotsman.com

IT MUST have seemed like a good idea at the time. The homeless man was without a bed and the night was chilly. When he found the door to the mausoleum open it could have looked inviting but quite why he decided to open a coffin and snuggle down beside the skeleton is less easy to explain.

He may have been fine had the entire coffin not crumbled on top of him, showering him with the dust of a 400-year-old corpse. He let out a rather loud scream, which was heard by a passing dog-walker, who let out an even louder scream when he saw what looked like a zombie coming straight for him.

There followed a Scooby-doo moment when they, and the dog, ran around the graveyard screaming before running off in opposite directions.

What neither the homeless man nor the dog-walker realized was that the mausoleum belonged to one of the most monstrous residents of the graveyard of Greyfriars Kirk: the 17th century Judge and Lord

Advocate Sir George Mackenzie, otherwise known as "Bluidy Mackenzie", who executed a large number of Covenanters.

The Covenanters were a powerful political force in Scotland in the 17th century. On 28, 1638, a large gathering signed the "National Covenant" in Greyfriars Kirkyard, pledging to keep Scotland a Presbyterian country. This document formed the basis of a treaty whereby the Scottish government would support the parliamentarians in the English Civil War.

However, 50 years later Charles II was on the throne, the Covenanters had been outlawed and they were heavily defeated by the king's forces at the battle of Bothwell Brig. In all, 18,000 Covenanters died for their beliefs, 1,200 were imprisoned in the Covenanters Prison in Greyfriars Kirkyard by Mackenzie.

Some were executed and their heads displayed around the prison walls. The rest were corralled in the yard and left without food or water. Hundreds died, and for some the last face they would have seen was the mocking, jubilant and hateful face of "bluidy" Mackenzie.

Ironically George Mackenzie was himself buried in Greyfriars. Then in 1999 along came our homeless man...

Poltergeist theory would claim that the disturbance of Mackenzie's coffin was the trigger that awoke the ghost and now it haunts the Black Mausoleum, Mackenzie's last resting place. Soon stories of blackouts, attacks and spooky goings-on abounded. It all became too much for Edinburgh City Council. They locked the door, threw away the key and declare the

area out of bounds (for the living anyway).

Jan-Andrew Henderson lived in a flat over-looking the graveyard. He was amused by the stories of haunting and puzzled by the council's decision. Not slow to spot a business opportunity, Mr Henderson, who runs ghost tours of the old city, asked the council for permission to bring tours to the mausoleum. And that is when things really began to escalate as Jan explains: "I am a very scientific person, and I don't know if I believe in ghosts or not," Mr Henderson says "but I just don't have an explanation for the sheer number of people who have collapsed, had their fingers broken or whatever. I've even had phone calls from two people who say their partner has now been committed, and blame it on the ghost."

Since 1999 there have been 350 documented attacks. 170 people have collapsed. Tourists have reported hot spots, cold spots, somewhere in the middle spots. They have been bloodied and bruised, pushed and pulled, by an unseen and altogether unwanted visitor to the Black Mausoleum.

Mr Henderson tries hard to keep an open mind, and maintains that until he himself is hurt by the "thing", he refuses to believe in it. But he has not gone unscathed. "There is a lot of so-called poltergeist activity associated with the area, fires, loads and loads of dead animals that can't be explained, that kind of thing. Holy hell, the thing even burnt down my own house! All my papers and notes about the Mackenzie poltergeist were destroyed."

With his flat gutted, Mr

Henderson moved away and has stopped taking people round the graveyard. The tours still continue and night after night visitors spook themselves. Most leave entertained, some leave a little frightened and others walk away from the Black Mausoleum convinced that they have had a close brush with something very nasty indeed.

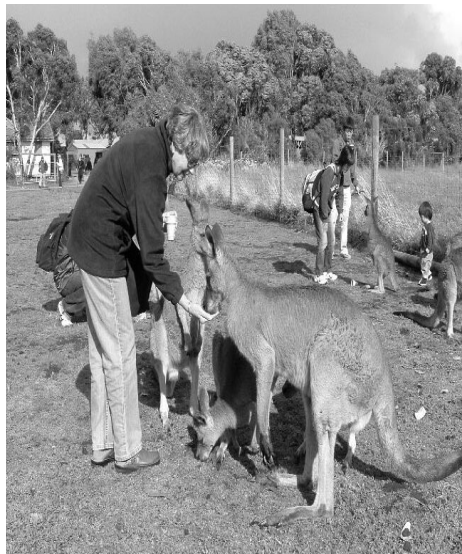
Ed: Poor old Sir George. He does get such a bad press. He was the leading lawyer in his day and his fight against the Covenanters, an extreme group of deeply religious fanatics, seems very comparable to the war against the Taliban in Afghanistan.

A BRIEF MACKENZIE FAMILY HISTORY SYNOPSIS

by Warren MacKenzie of London Ontario

In the mid-1850's four MacKenzie brothers, Alan, John, Duncan and Thomas emigrated from Scotland. A fifth brother, Donald, remained in Scotland. It is thought that their family had been affected by the Clearances near Dunkeld and they had migrated to the west and were working in Glasgow at the time of their decision to leave for Canada.

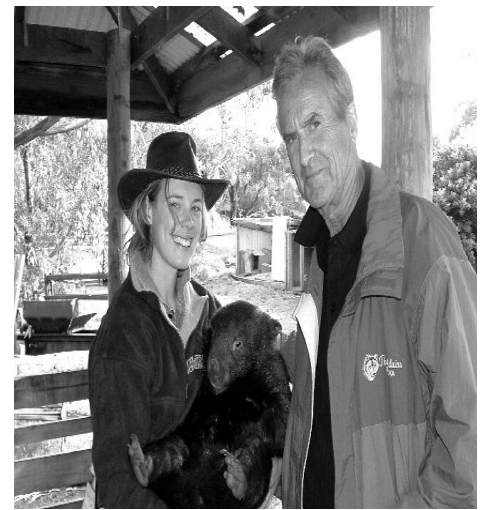
Upon arriving in Canada Alan settled at Maitland in Grenville County between Prescott and Brockville. The three remaining brothers continued westward and settled in the Kincardine area. Alan had married Jessie Cameron of Strontian located on the west coast near Fort William and their first son, John Alexander was born in Scotland April 4th, 1852. The couple had seven additional children born in Canada, four of whom lived to adulthood.



Patti Mackenzie feeds the kangaroos.

Their eldest, John, became a successful businessman in the Brockville area of Ontario. He was founder of a Brockville newspaper *The Enterprise* and later became publisher of *The Prescott Telegraph*. In 1885 he entered service of the *Brockville Daily Recorder*, becoming its editor in 1890. While still occupying that position, he worked at night writing publicity for the Fulford Medicine Co., the manufacturer of the famous "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People". In 1892 he left the paper to become manager of the medicine company, a position he held until his retirement in 1929. He was active in municipal affairs, becoming mayor of Brockville. He was founding president of the Brockville Country Club and a member of the Hospital Board as well as one of the founders of the Brockville Club, a "men's club" in the Victorian tradition.

The Fulford or "Dr. Williams" Medicine Company continued to flourish and was soon operating branches around the world. John's youngest brother, James, my grandfather, served in these overseas operations before John joined the



Warren is introduced to a wombat



Warren MacKenzie with his grandfather's headstone in Sydney, Australia. It reads James Cameron MacKenzie Died Sydney 1917

company full time. In July 1900 he and his wife Ida went to London where they remained for three years. In 1903 they left England to manage the African branch, situated in Capetown. It was there that my aunt, Jean was born. In 1907 they left for Australia, where my father, Alan, was born December 5th, 1907. The family settled in, although they made holiday visits to Canada - an unusually long trip for those days. My father received his early education in Sydney. They were still there in 1917 when James fell and broke his leg. He died a short time later of a cerebral hemorrhage, probably a result of the acci-

dent. He is buried in the Gore Hill Cemetery on the grounds of the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney. The family returned to Brockville in 1917.

For decades after we, the descendants (grandchildren) of James and Ida, knew little about grandpa except that he was a gifted Olympic standard athlete, an award-winning photographer and world-wide business traveller who died very young (aged 42) and remained in a foreign country, many thousands of miles from home.

This past spring, nearly 90 years after grandpa's death my wife Patti and I had finally accumulated enough 'air miles' to be able to visit Australia, my father's place of birth as well as grandpa's burial location in Sydney.

The trip planning started nine months before we departed and took in New Zealand, a fantastically beautiful country (with lots of Mackenzies, some of whom we met), and with stopovers in Tahiti and Lord Howe Island in the Tasman Sea.

We finally arrived in Sydney in Mid-February (still summer in Australia), settled in Kings Cross, got our bearings by walking hours to Sydney Harbour and back using different routes and soon realized that Sydney is much like Toronto, a very modern city with over four million people and plenty of activity along the waterfront. Actually the Sydney waterfront is the focal point for all tourist activity.

On our second day in Sydney we had to satisfy our curiosity and main objective to locate grandpa's burial plot, which with Sydney's first class transportation and some

very easy to follow city maps we found the Gore Hill Cemetery located in North Sydney, and with the aid of a very clearly marked map of the cemetery itself, located the exact plot site.

Standing before grandpa's gravesite was exactly what I had expected and prepared for - a form of unity filled with emotion and some sadness that grandpa had to be left so far from home.

Two weeks in Australia and we merely scratched the surface of all there is to see and do, but Patti and I managed to take in the Opera "Carmen" at the world famous Sydney Opera House, visited Katomba and the Blue Mountain tourist region, harbour cruises and a visit to Bondi Beach and the scenic Oceanside Drive, passing the multi-million dollar homes lining both sides.

We traveled by train from Sydney to Melbourne in Victoria and spent nearly a week there doing city walking tours as well as trips into the countryside to see other wonders we do not experience in Canada, including visits to a Penguin colony (the dwarf or fairy penguins of Philip Island) as well as an animal reserve to meet dingoes, koalas, wombats, kangaroos and emus.

After returning to Canada with hundreds of photos that we've managed to share with neighbours, friends and relatives, the one question everyone seems to ask Patti and me; "Would you ever go back?" and of course the standard answer, "yes, anytime we could".

Many thanks to Warren Mackenzie of London, Ontario for this article. We are interested in receiving many

more family history stories. Have you some interesting tales to tell? Let us hear about them.

GENEALOGY AND A DNA SUCCESS STORY

Ed: The following article has been sent in by our member Sharie Argue, who lives in Regina, Saskatchewan. As the DNA Group Administrator I had been following the flood of e-mails between Sharie and others who have relationships with Donald Mackenzie - King of the NorthWest - and there seem to be a large number of them scattered around the world. I asked Sharie to put down her experiences as it demonstrates one of the advantages of DNA when all else fails.

Have you ever felt as though you were constantly banging your head into the proverbial brick wall when, at every turn, all you find is yet another MacKenzie named John, Kenneth, or Donald! Well, that has been the situation for several years with my McKenzie genealogical research. Things were at a standstill, until September of this year. Since then I've had the most busy and exciting autumn on record!

I do have, amongst several original documents, a letter of reference written in May 1828 for Mrs. Bessie Robertson, wife of John MacKenzie of Dalceannloch [on the north side of Loch Achall, Ross and Cromarty, Scotland], by the Rev. Thomas Ross, explaining their present circumstances, which resulted from a fire, which destroyed their home and most of their possessions. Until recently, that letter was referring to my earliest known and confirmed ancestors on the McKenzie side of my tree.

During the summer of 2000, I had made a trek around an area of western Manitoba [Harding/

Kenton/Bradwardine/Oak River/Rivers] with my young niece, Jill Northey, looking for McKenzie relatives. We were fortunate to find them by the hundreds....all descendants of my great grandmother McKenzie's siblings! They warmly welcomed our unannounced arrival into their homes and shared with us all they knew of their family history, before sending us on our way to yet more relatives and local graveyards to collect further information. The result of this first trip was around 426 newly found McKenzies to enter into my database and many new friends and relatives!

Then, in June of 2005, spurred on by articles about the FamilyTreeDNA McKenzie Surname Project in our Clan MacKenzie Society newsletters, I began seriously to search for my oldest living McKenzie male cousin to do the DNA testing for me. I poured over several old district historical books from Manitoba that had been collecting dust in my library, until I came up with the name of a male McKenzie cousin who, according to the book, had lived in Regina at one time. Out came the previous year's Regina and District telephone book, and sure enough, there was a listing for a Murray McKenzie still! I promptly dialed the telephone number, but it was not in service. But before disappointment set in, I remembered that the district history book showed Murray had a son Shaun and there was a listing in White City, about five miles east of our home. You can only imagine my excitement when the fellow who answered the phone told me he was Murray, Shaun's father! I quickly explained who I was and what I wanted him to do. Murray

was a willing participant in my plan and after contacting Alan McKenzie, and finding out how to go about the process, I sent away for the DNA testing kit.

Our first meeting took place when I took the DNA testing kit to Murray. Though he and Shaun had not been overly involved in genealogy before this, they did have some information on their immediate family ancestry and were interested to learn more about their family history. The testing was quickly, easily, and painlessly undertaken and we all sat back to wait.

In early August of this year another McKenzie cousin, Gail Coward, [whose grandmother was an older sister of my great grandmother] and I decided to undertake the Manitoba pilgrimage. This was Gail's first visit to the immediate area and we had a wonderful time, with me renewing friendships made during the 2000 trip. We had the opportunity to meet several more McKenzie cousins. Frank and Marlene Hayhurst [Frank is a well known trapper and environmentalist, the son of a McKenzie daughter], Marion and Jim Douglas, Marion and Jim Wood, [both Marions are McKenzie girls] and many others, all of whom made us feel very much part of the McKenzie family. We both returned from our trip with a renewed sense of enthusiasm for our genealogical search for McKenzies!

After patiently and eagerly awaiting the results of Murray's DNA testing, I finally received notification from FamilyTreeDNA that the results were available. My hands and knees were actually shaking as I accessed the information on-line. You might imagine the

sharp sting of disappointment when, instead of seeing the names of dozens of McKenzie cousins with matching DNA, there was Murray's result without a single match!

However, it was only a few short weeks, in early September, that I received another email from FamilyTreeDNA informing me that there now was an exact match to Murray's DNA. Later that same day, I received an email from Sprague Benjamin 'Ben' Mackenzie of Ohio! *[Ed: Ben Mackenzie is the man who owns the pair of duelling pistols said to have been given to Donald Mackenzie by the King - see Newsletter March 2003 pages 18-22 about this strange story.]* That evening, after an exciting phone call which lasted over three hours, we each knew much more about our family history, but we did not have the connection down on paper yet. I promised Ben that I would take up the torch and not give up until I found our connection.

Over the next couple of weeks we exchanged vast amounts of information by email and kept in close touch by telephone. Ben generously sent me his research from the past forty years via an old friend of his that he happened to meet just as that friend was about to embark upon a holiday which would include Regina! Serendipity!!!! After Jeff & Cindy Howard, Ben's old friends, met with my husband, Earle, and I at our home near Regina on September 20th, I now had a huge amount of new data to peruse. Guided by Ben, and other cousins that we had been in contact with previously, and a very helpful Donald McDonald-Ross, we now believe we have found the connection between our McKenzie families!

My previously known John McKenzie of Dalceannloch/Dalcanloch, Loch Achall, Ross and Cromarty, Scotland appears to have been the son of yet another John McKenzie by one of his three wives (but which one is yet to be determined). This newly discovered John, my g.g.g.g. grandfather, was a brother to Ben's g.g. grandfather, Donald Mackenzie of fur trading fame and the Chief Factor of the Hudson's Bay Co. and Governor of the Red River Settlement [see previously published articles in the newsletter]. In addition, it appears that this older John, through another of his sons, Kenneth was the ancestor of Joan MacKenzie, Commissioner of the B.C. branch of the Clan MacKenzie Society and Myrna McNaughtan, a long-time member in Quebec. Other siblings of **John** and **Donald** were **Murdoch** (of Ullapool m. Susan), the Honourable **Roderick** (later of Terrebonne, Quebec, Canada m. Rachel), **James** and **Henry** (also involved in the fur trade in Canada), **Barbara** (m. William McKenzie with descendants in New Zealand...Sonia MacKenzie), and **Alexanderina** (m. Alexander Langwell Mackenzie).

Cousin Gail happened to be going through Regina recently and we spent a delightful afternoon and evening going through all the material that pertains to our McKenzie family. Ben and I keep in close contact by telephone, discussing all the possibilities, questioning each find, looking for the truth of each possibility, searching out the proof for each surmised leap of faith.

I've made contact with Myrna and Joan and know that there will soon be many other newly found cousins with whom we will not only develop our common kinships,

but friendships that will last our lifetimes. The legacy that we will be able to pass along to our descendants is vast, colorful, intriguing, and always exciting!

None of this would have been possible without the assistance of those initial DNA test results by my cousin Murray and by Ben. We urge you to join the MacKenzie DNA Surname Project and take the test! It is simple, inexpensive, and worth its weight in 'tree branches' over and over! We've been having the time of our lives on this journey of discovery and it is even more fun when you get to share this excitement with others!!!

As well as stimulating others who believe they are connected to our 'branch' of the MacKenzie family to take the test, we also put out the challenge to those known descendants of Sir Alexander MacKenzie, the explorer, to participate. We believe that through sisters, whose maiden name, as well as married names, were MacKenzie, our branch is a cousin to Sir Alexander MacKenzie, the explorer. We would encourage descendants of this Alexander MacKenzie to take the test and either prove or disprove our theory!

DNA really is the modern genealogical miracle! It does not do the leg work for us, but it does help keep us on the right pathway in our search for our past.

Our thanks to Sharie Argue for this interesting account of her genealogical travels and the help provided by DNA. I have always said that the usefulness of the DNA tests will only become valuable once we get large numbers to submit to these tests. We are now very close to getting our first 100 contributors. It is by no means impossible for us to strive for 500. Cost will prevent us getting the thousands we would like

- a 12-marker DNA test of the male y-chromosome costs US\$99.

ANOTHER DNA DISCOVERY

We have another DNA story. I was alerted by Family Tree DNA that there was a close match with another person who was not a Mackenzie. The man's name is Donald Hanley in the USA and as the name is not a Scottish one I was doubtful if this would lead anywhere. We match 27 out of 29 markers in our respective DNAs and that is the same match that I have with Colin McKenzie in New Zealand, and he is my fourth cousin. According to Family Tree DNA there is a very high chance - over 90% - that we both descend from a common ancestor in recent centuries.

So I contacted this man and I got replies from him and other members of the family who have a great interest in their respective genealogies. This is the message I received regarding his ancestors:

"Donald is a twin. He and his sister were born in San Jose California, USA in 1963. His great great grandfather Peter Hanley, may have been a twin also and it is a possibility. Regarding the Hanley family story, this Peter and his brother, Michael, boarded a ship with their parents. The ship had taken on passengers in Scotland and Ireland, then headed for Canada. It became a plague ship. Both of Peter and Michael's parents died on the ship along with many other passengers. Peter and Michael only knew each other's names, so I must presume they were both toddlers. Neither of them knew their surname. No one on board ship seemed to know who the parents had been. For some reason, there

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Interim Financial Statements

December 31, 2004

Income and Expenditure Account

Expenditure	\$	\$	Income	\$	\$
Personal Donations to Castle Leod account		2,046.05	Nevada net income		7,071.30
Society Donations to Castle Leod Account		2,581.15	Donations (tax receipt)		2,801.05
Catering & Rentals		651.07	Donations (no Tax receipt)		19.00
Postages		2,324.55	Officers donations (Note #1)	3,144.00	
Printing & Publishing		3,143.81	less expenses claimed	<u>3,102.61</u>	41.39
Stationery & Office Supplies		291.61	Membership dues		7,175.26
AGM & Picnic		1,640.92	Interest & Investment Income		4,072.14
Sundry Expenses		1,989.83	Profit from sales		2,134.28
Bank Charges		96.00	GST Recovered		523.59
Sub total		<u>14,764.99</u>	Other Income		154.00
Net Surplus Income over Expenditure		9,227.02			
		<u>\$23,992.01</u>			<u>\$23,992.01</u>

Castle Leod Project - Accounts

Expenses	\$	Income	\$
Paid to Castle Leod Project 2004 (see Note #2)	4,627.20	Balance in hand at December 31, 2003	10.00
		Per Personal Donations	2,046.05
Balance in Hand - December 31, 2003	10.00	Clan Society Donation	2,581.15
	<u>\$4,637.20</u>		<u>\$4,637.20</u>

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6. Election of Officers

On Motion duly made and carried unanimously Alan McKenzie was elected Treasurer and Mary-Lou Oyler was elected Secretary. The following Commissioners were approved or confirmed unanimously:

Alan McKenzie - Commissioner at Large
 Alistair D. MacKenzie - Commissioner Oakville/Burlington
 Alistair (Alex) D. MacKenzie - Commissioner - in Alberta
 Cecil A. MacKenzie - Commissioner - Edmonton
 Glen W. McKenzie - Commissioner - Computer Genealogist
 Ian Stuart Mackenzie - Commissioner - in British Columbia
 James Malcolm MacKenzie - Commissioner - in Nova Scotia
 James P. McKenzie - Commissioner - Quebec
 Joan MacKenzie - Commissioner - in British Columbia
 John Richard Mackenzie - Commissioner - North West Territories
 Ken Mackenzie - Commissioner Hamilton/Niagara
 Michael Hugh Mackenzie - Commissioner, Manitoba
 Norman S. MacKenzie - Commissioner - Toronto
 Radleigh A. MacKenzie - Commissioner Northern Ontario
 Sir Roderick Mackenzie of Scatwell - Commissioner - Calgary
 William John MacKenzie - Commissioner - Vancouver
 Rick McKenzie Melucci - Commissioner - Clan Forum Internet

VACANT - Commissioner for Ottawa/Eastern Ontario

On Motion duly made and carried it was RESOLVED that the Meeting be terminated. The Meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.

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Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2004

Assets	\$	\$	Liabilities	\$	\$
Cash at Bank			Capital Account 1/1/2004	97,898.82	
CIBC - Nevada Account	2,258.07		Net Surplus Income for 2004	<u>9,227.02</u>	
CIBC - General Account	2,432.06		Total Capital	<u>107,125.84</u>	107,125.84
CIBC - Account at Interest	0.00				
ING Bank Account at Interest	<u>66,014.14</u>				
Total Cash at Bank	<u>70,704.27</u>	70,704.27			
Other Investments		22,234.87	Castle Leod Project a/c		10.00
Inventory at cost		10,675.29	Suspense Account		0.00
Nevada fees in advance		501.75			
GST Receivable		523.59			
Other receivables		0.00			
Inventory of 1894 Books		471.24			
Inventory of W.L.Mackenzie books		1,412.36			
Payments in Advance		350.00			
Inventory of Donald Mackenzie books		<u>262.47</u>			
		<u>\$107,135.84</u>			<u>\$107,135.84</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note #1 - During the year two officers claimed for travelling and other expenses amounting to \$3,144 and these claims were offset by donations amounting to \$3,102.61 from these officers. There was a net benefit to the Clan MacKenzie Society amounting to \$41.39.

Note #2 - The total of funds sent to the Clan Mackenzie Charitable Trust for the Castle Leod Project came to Pds46,996.16 for the period up to Dec 2003. The \$4,627.20 sent in 2004 converted to Pds2,000, thereby increasing the funds remitted from the Society and its members to Pds48,996.16.

I hereby certify that these accounts are a true and accurate reflection of the financial activities of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas - Canadian Chapter for the Year ended 31 December, 2004

Alan McKenzie

Alan McKenzie, ACIB, FICB, F.Inst.D., FSA Scot, Treasurer

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas, Canadian Chapter, held at Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto, Ontario on Sunday, September 11, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.

Present: Alan McKenzie - Commissioner at Large, Lieutenant to Cabarfeidh
Mary Lou Oyler - Secretary
Ken Mackenzie - Commissioner for Hamilton/Niagara Region
Norman S. MacKenzie C.D. - Commissioner Toronto
Other members and guests totalled approximately 20 persons in all.

1. Election of Chairman for the Meeting

Alan McKenzie welcomed the members present to the Annual General Meeting of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas, Canadian Chapter. On Motion duly made and carried Alan McKenzie was duly elected to be Chairman of the Meeting and Mary-Lou Oyler as Secretary.

The Meeting was held on the same day as the Annual Picnic. In attendance at the picnic was Jessie Mackenzie Glynn who is now aged 100.

2. Reports from the Commissioners

The Commissioners gave a brief statement on the Clan activities in their area during the year. The following were among the many events reported upon:

Rad MacKenzie, Commissioner for Northern Ontario submitted the following report:

The notable event for us has been the Orillia Scottish Festival, which continues to be the major event for us. This year, 2005, we attended again and were partnered with Alan McKenzie, who transported the Clan tent and gear, and Norman MacKenzie. During the day we also had Mary Lou Oyler attend, sparing some time from her duties with another group. The day was pleasant mostly but finished with the threat of rain, a repeat of other years, although the rain held off until the end of the day and we were able to strike the tent and pack up without difficulty. The new Clan vehicle has proven itself in the convenience it offers in gear capacity as well sufficient passenger room for most of our needs. Sales of materials were moderate and interest in the Society resulted in several new members joining. During the day we had many people stop by to examine our displays and enquire of us on various topics the chief being sorting out their family's origins. Although this is a topic we happily try to be of assistance on, new members do not often result. As well, having sales items that for the most part are identified as "MacKenzie", the market is somewhat limited. (For technical reasons there is not much we can do about this). I feel our presence, as a Clan is important, Orillia being the major venue in this part of Ontario; our personal contact with all folks interested in Scottish Heritage shows our Clan in a good light.

We did not attend the Haliburton Games this year, coming so close to the Orillia event we were not prepared to handle it. We are examining the possibilities of other Festivals in the area north of Barrie and will make a decision on them for next season.

During the past year I have been in contact with several MacKenzie prospects but except for those mentioned earlier, we have no new names to add to our Roster.

Rad MacKenzie

Commissioner, Northern Ontario.

Alan McKenzie reported as follows: Clan MacKenzie tents were in place in Ontario and Quebec at the following Highland Games and Scottish Festivals: Embro, Georgetown, Ancaster, Kincardine, Chatham, Orillia, Maxville, Montreal, and Fergus. The Clan won Best Clan Tent at Ancaster with a prize of \$100 yet again!

Alan reported that at the Gathering in Scotland we picked up a new member from Nova Scotia and he has volunteered to act as our Commissioner for that region. He is James Malcolm MacKenzie.

At the end of 2004 we commenced the Clan MacKenzie DNA Project for Mac/McKenzie males analyzing the y-chromosome. To date we have 90 participants for which we have received results for 66. Over 80% show an R1b results, which indicates that they share a common male ancestor who lived in Northern Spain 30,000 years ago. We have several groups of Mackenzies who show an exact match on their DNAs and many of these have elected to expand their analysis from the original 12 markers to 37 markers. If two people match with 37 markers then there is a 50% chance they descend from a common male ancestor within the last five generations. Alan reported he had some kits with him if any member would like to take part in the analysis.

Norman MacKenzie reported on the Clan Gathering in Scotland which was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. There was representation from Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, France, Chile, as well as members from the UK itself. Various lectures and classes were held during the week and these were all very well attended. The numerous coach trips were an excellent way of seeing Scotland and the Mackenzie homelands in particular.

Other Reports from Commissioners:

From Rita Oster, USA re a proposed visit to Atlanta (Stone Mountain) for Cabarfeidh's visit to the USA in October 2006:

"While in Scotland we had two meetings about Cabarfeidh's visit next year...and we are all looking forward to our Canadian Cousins visit during that week. I have been appointed the contact person and have several folks that have volunteered to help.

The draft plan is as follows:

1. Formal Banquet on Thursday Night
2. Tour of Atlanta of Friday (if it is O.K., I will do a "step on" tour guide as the tour companies usually charge from \$40.00 - \$68.00 per person!
3. Saturday and Sunday - picnic at the tent for all Mackenzies.
4. Saturday evening - informal reception at the host hotel.

We will have the large tent at the front and would love for you all to have a table with information and things to sell (perhaps we could have a book signing?) I am open to any and all suggestions. Rita would like to have Mary-Lou Oyler as hospitality contact person for Canada."

Norman MacKenzie moved the Society plan a coach trip to the Stone Mountain Games next year. The Games are scheduled to take place from Thursday to Sunday, October 19-22, 2006. Carried unanimously.

Clan Picnic:

Alan McKenzie moved that the annual meeting and the picnic be held again at Black Creek Pioneer Village at a suitable date to be determined at approximately the same Sunday in the month and that in future the event be referred to as the Clan MacKenzie Gathering and Annual General Meeting. This was approved by the meeting and it was further agreed that the picnic portion of the event be held on the patio and not indoors in the dining room as for this year.

Other Activities:

A meeting of members who can attend is normally held every quarter at Alan McKenzie's house in Oakville. The Society produces four newsletters a year. The Clan Society in Canada also sponsors and financially supports the RootsWeb Forum chat line for Mackenzies, which is hosted by our Commissioner Rick Melucci.

We have our own web site for the Canadian Society through the help of Alastair McIntyre of Electric Scotland. The web address is www.electricscotland.com/mackenzie. We particularly welcome submissions for inclusion on the web site including Mackenzie family histories and genealogies.

Finally Alan thanked all commissioners and volunteers for their work during the year and all members for supporting clan functions. Congratulations were extended to Norman MacKenzie for again being the Tattoo Drum Major at the Nova Scotia International Tattoo in 2005.

3. Report from the Treasurer & Approval of the Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

The Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 were presented and reviewed. On Motion duly made and carried they were adopted unanimously.

Interim financial statements for the period to September 9, 2005 were also presented for information purposes.

4. Membership

Alan McKenzie reported as follows: We have around 400 members across Canada and the USA. Resignations and deaths are generally replaced during the year with new recruits. We still urgently need a commissioner for the Ottawa region where we have several members.

5. Castle Leod Project

Norman MacKenzie reported on the meetings held with the Chief of the Clan while in Scotland and the reports on the future of the Castle Leod Project, which is run through the Clan Mackenzie Charitable Trust in Scotland. There were various proposals put forward by Cabarfeidh to deal with the expensive renovations necessary to bring the castle up to standard and one of these proposals was to look into a time-share project. The structural and other necessary costs would run into millions of pounds and there were concerns expressed that this would prove to be a very difficult project to fund.

There was considerable discussion from all of the members present and there was a consensus of opinion expressed that the Clan Mackenzie Charitable Trust would have some benefit in having some representatives on the Board of Trustees, or possibly advisers, (if a UK charity did not approved having foreign trustees), to assist the Trust in their endeavours. It is believed that within the ranks of the Clan Societies around the world there are some very highly qualified professional members whose input could prove very valuable to the Trust. Such persons could also spearhead the requisite funding needed in those countries.

Norman MacKenzie moved that a letter be drafted recommending to Cabarfeidh that there be international representation on the Board of Trustees of the Clan Mackenzie Charitable Trust from the various Clan Mackenzie Societies around the world and that Alan McKenzie would make the necessary draft and circulate it for approval, before sending it to Cabarfeidh.

The remainder of the AGM Minutes are included on page 10 after the Income and Expenditure Accounts.

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was a big upset from the passengers when the Captain meant to give both boys to a Protestant family. Some of the passengers believed the parents might have been Catholic. To appease the passengers, the Captain gave one boy (Michael) to a Catholic family and the other (Peter) to the Hanley family . . . protestants. I understand that this was not usual. The boys should have been turned over to the authorities in Canada, but it seems to have happened for one reason or another. Perhaps the plague was still feared, and the families receiving the boys had already survived it. (My father-in-law, Leonard Peter Hanley, once told me that the Hanleys were lowland Scot, but I have no clue how he came by that information.)”

I sent the family my family tree and I was able to show a long list of possible male McKenzies who may have been the father of the Peter and Michael. Donald Hanley is, I believe, going to extend his DNA to 37 markers and he can then compare with me to see if we are even more closely related.

There is no doubt that DNA is a possible way of breaking through the lack of hard data to find close relations.

HIGHLAND MUSIC

Ben Mackenzie in Ohio sent me a web address which has some attractive Highland songs you can download and listen to. The first one mentions the Mackenzies!

Here is the address:

<http://www.kistodreams.org/scottish-lullabies.asp>

MACKENZIE-DOUGLAS CONNECTIONS

There is a DNA project underway to characterise the various lines of the Douglas family. One line of Douglasses (of Glenbirvie) are in fact male line MacKenzies who changed their name to Douglas when they inherited a title.

We are looking for any MacKenzies who have had their DNA tested who have connection to the MacKenzie-Douglasses or the Douglasses of Glenbirvie. This would be helpful for comparison with our modern Douglasses who have lost their connection to the Old Douglas families.

Our web site is at

<http://www.familytreedna.com/public/Douglas/>

I would like to hear from you if you have the above connections.

bturner@occmcd.com.au

Beryl Turner

SHIP LISTS

I was messing around with ship lists starting in 1830 and found three families on the Breton ship list, but a bunch more at the bottom of the article. Must have been a lot of Mackenzies going to Canada with this many at one site.

<http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/passengerlists/beaton1830.htm>

I will go back to the ship list tomorrow. Have been running through them looking for children named Michael or Peter. Found several Michaels but only one Peter so far, and none in conjunction with each other.

Janet Nelson - e-mail: tanelson1@juno.com

GENEALOGY AND DNA TESTING

Having just returned from the Family Tree DNA Conference in Washington I am full of information! I need to do a paper to send to all the Clan MacKenzie magazines and newsletters worldwide as we are now ready for the next “push”. We are already a major player with our single family surname group with 97 members signed up and 80 results now in (see www.electricscotland.com/mackenzie).

Firstly a brief comment. The Mackenzies in the database are widely spread with many different male ancestors. I still stand by a comment I made earlier, that two random Mackenzies in the Highlands are related to each other 10,000 times over through numerous inter-cousin marriages over 1,000 years. But as for a single male Mackenzie ancestor we do have quite a mix of different ancestors, though there are groups of Mackenzies who do indeed share a relatively common ancestor and these people are busily contacting each other and exchanging genealogical information.

I had asked Sharie Argue who has had some considerable success with DNA to write an article and she has produced two! The first is on page 7 and the latest story follows below. But first I think it is important to make a general comment. The Highlanders of Scotland were mainly Gaelic speakers in the 18th century while

most of the south of Scotland spoke English generally, or old Scots. For that reason, genealogically speaking, the Highlanders were very late in adopting modern surnames. They mostly had Gaelic surnames. In the listing of the Commissioners for the Seaforth Estates in 1715 there are numerous farming tenants listed. These all lived and worked on the Earl of Seaforth's Mackenzie lands in Ross and Cromarty. It is interesting to note from the lists that if a tenant was a major tenant, paying say one or two hundred pounds rent, he is named as, for example, "Mr Colin Mackenzie". But many of the small tenants paying only four or five pounds had names such as the following: John McIllichallum Cunchy, Donald McOil VicIllehallum a Inis, and Duncan McInis VicEan VicUrchy. The point here is that by the time of the 1841 census there are no signs of these old surnames. Less than 300 hundred years ago numerous Ross and Cromarty tenant farmers had not yet adopted a clan surname. There is no question that living as they did among their Mackenzie kin they would later adopt a Mackenzie surname.



Sharie Argue

A RECENT DNA SUCCESS STORY

BY SHARIE ARGUE

DNA testing will be the ultimate proof required to confirm relationships that have existed for centuries. Recently, Sprague Benjamin "Ben" Mackenzie and my cousin, Murray McKenzie, have had their common ancestry proven, first by the exact match on their DNA testing, then on paper, when we managed to confirm a common ancestor, **Alexander**, who died 216 years ago.

Alexander and his wife, **Catherine Mackenzie**, daughter of **William Mackenzie, II of Pitlundie**, had several children: **Murdoch** (m. Susan); **John** (m. three times) [twice to Mackenzies and once to a daughter of Alexander Stronach, Minister of Lochbroom, by his wife Margaret/Isobel, daughter of the 4th Laird of Ballone (Mackenzie)]; **Roderick of Terrebonne** (Quebec) m. Rachel, daughter of Charles Chaboillez & Marguerite Larcheveque; **James**; **Donald*** m. Adelgonde Droz; **Henry** m. Ann Bethune; **Barbara** m. William Mackenzie of Guinard; **Alexanderina** m. Alexander Langwell Mackenzie, son of Thomas Mackenzie III of Langwell and his wife, Catharine Robertson.

Now, all this, so far, seems fairly straightforward and from this family we have found connections with

Sonia Mackenzie of New Zealand (wife of the late Jock Mackenzie); Joan Mackenzie of B.C. (Commissioner of Clan MacKenzie); Margaret Ann Burrill (Quebec); Kathy Hunter (Oregon); Gail Coward (Alberta); S. Ben Mackenzie (Ohio); Myrna and her mother Anne McNaughtan (Quebec); David Ford (B.C.); Murray MacKenzie (Saskatchewan) and myself, Sharie Argue (Regina, SK). We know there are many other 'cousins' who descend from this line and are interested in genealogy. We urge them to do the DNA testing and submit their paper trail to Sharie to be included in the MacKenzie tree for this branch.

However, the difficulty comes in the next earlier generation. We all believe that **Alexander's** father was **Roderick Mackenzie of Achiltibuie**. This 'fact' has been proven by many documents and letters held by various cousins which name Roderick as our ancestor. But, the Lord Lyon's office does not have a Roderick as a son of James Mackenzie of Keppoch! How could so many families have inaccurate data which show Roderick as our ancestor, if it were not true?

It is known from historical records that Roderick existed. He was born about 1717 and is listed in the Jacobite Prisoners list in 1747 as then about age 30. He was one of the few pardoned Jacobites. He was Tacksman of Achiltibuie from 1740 until his death in

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"Margaret Struth, who made HRH Prince Charles' kilt recently, made my kilt for the Mackenzie Gathering in Scotland in 1995. It is still as good as new despite constant wear. Alan McKenzie"

1762. He married Catherine, daughter of the second Laird of Ballone, Alexander Mackenzie. He also, by Catherine, had Alexander, whose family is listed above, and at least another son, James, who married Mary/Helen MacDonnell of Lundie and had several children at Trois Rivières, Quebec, Canada.

The only way for those of us who descend from **Roderick** to prove his father was **James of Keppoch**, finally and for all time, is to have descendants of James or his brother, **John II of Ardloch**, do the DNA testing. If these names are not familiar, but you know that their father, **Sir Alexander Mackenzie, I of Ardloch** (by his wife, Barbara, daughter of Kenneth Mackenzie VI of Gairloch), or Alexander's father, **Sir John Mackenzie of Tarbat** (who married Margaret Erskine) and any of their other issue, namely **Sir George, 1st Earl of Cromartie**, and **Sir Roderick (aka Lord Prestonhall)**, were part of your ancestry, then do the DNA testing to prove it. Sir John's father was Sir Roderick "Rory", the Tutor of Kintail, the 2nd son of Colin Cam XI of Kintail, whose marriage to Margaret

MacLeod brought Coigach into the Mackenzie family.

So, if you even suspect you may descend from any of the above, please take the next step and contact FamilyTreeDNA to do the quick, easy, painless DNA testing! These DNA results will allow all of us to finally know, without a shadow of a doubt, that we are 'cousins'!

FamilyTreeDNA may be contacted at <http://www.familytreedna.com/> or if you need further information about the DNA testing, please contact Alan McKenzie, Commissioner of the Clan MacKenzie Society in the Americas, Canadian Chapter and Lieutenant to Cabarfeidh, at alan@mkz.com. Alan was the originator of the DNA project for the Clan MacKenzie and is the very knowledgeable keeper of the DNA database.

As the many positive matches come in, I will be happy to add your paper trail to our DNA proven Mac/McKenzie database. I may be contacted by email at sharieargue3672@imagewireless.ca or by snail mail at P.O. Box 3672, Stn. Main, Regina, Saskatchewan,

Canada S4P 3N8 Telephone: 306-757-3960.

ED: Our thanks to Sharie for this report. This vast family also claims descent or at least relationship to Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the explorer. The Donald in the article is the famous Donald Mackenzie, 'King of the NorthWest'. We still have a very few copies of the book on this man. Also Ben Mackenzie in Ohio sent me masses of family papers on the family and these can be seen at www.electricscotland.com/mackenzie by going to the Donald Mackenzie link.*

There have been many other members who are in communication with each other who share the same DNA. If you have not joined, then please consider this. Go to www.familytreedna.com.

Since writing this I have had a copy of an e-mail from Ben Mackenzie in Ohio and this is what he says to one of his contacts:

"My great great grandfather Donald Mackenzie had a couple of nephews who went to Australia in the early 1800s. I have found a couple of distant relatives there. I have also found distant relatives in Canada. The most recent discovery is one I found through a DNA test this past summer. The person is Sharie Argue who got her male cousin to participate. They are in Regina, Saskatchewan. They are descended from my third great grandparents. We have since exchanged a lot of genealogy information and have shared many phone calls. The pursuit of researching your ancestry is a lot of fun and can be an adventure, especially when finally discovering distant cousins and getting to talk with them, sharing a few photographs and finding out some common family traits such as curly hair, and finding some new traits that have not been common in my family line for a few generations, such as red hair."

ROSS & CROMARTY - LAND STATISTICS

It is often remarked that before we had the present era of millions of people owning their own homes, it had been a different situation in the past. There were very few owners of land. The vast bulk of the population of both Scotland and England were tenants of wealthy landlords.

The following extract is from a book entitled *The Land Statistics of the Shires of Inverness, Ross & Cromarty in the Year 1871* by Hugh C. Fraser, an accountant in Inverness, and it gives some very inter-

esting details of the Mackenzie lands in Ross-shire.

Proprietors in Ross-shire

We now arrive at land valuation proper, which amounts to £212,903. Including all the smaller proprietors, down to ministers and schoolmasters and holders of a few acres, their total number is 263; but omitting the smaller, and taking only what may be called "the gentry" of the county, the number is 88, from the largest proprietor whose rental is over £20,000, to one "wee lairdie," whose property is valued at £45. In the old roll referred to [in 1644] there were 172 proprietors; and, comparing the names, the Mackenzies continue to maintain their ancient pre-eminence in Ross, being still the most numerous and owning the greatest value. In 1644, the proprietors of that name were thirty-six in number; in the present year they are sixteen, with an annual rental of £42,843, being one-fifth of the whole. The Mathesons, only two in number (one in the old roll), follow, with a value of £38,714. [Ed: I would hazard a guess that was because of the influence of the Mathesons who made a huge fortune establishing the giant company Jardine Matheson in Hong Kong.] Next come the Rosses, nine (eleven in 1644), with £19,237; and Munros, seven (formerly twenty-one), with £10,231. Of the remaining principal names there are four of Murray (increase from one), three of Fraser (decrease from six), and two each of Baillie, Davidson, Fowler, Gillanders, Monro, Roberston, and Urquhart. The remaining names are all single. The most remarkable decrease from the names flourishing in 1644 is in that of Rose, of whom there were then fifteen, now reduced to one. Six Inneses, five Bains, five Maccullochs, have all disappeared.

In 1644 the Lews [The Isle of Lewis] all pertained to one proprietor - the Earl of Seaforth - as in 1871, Sir James Matheson is the principal heritor. The valuation in 1644 was £5,938 Scots; in 1871 it is, exclusive of the Town of Stornoway, £17,139 sterling.

The estates on the West Coast were of large extent formerly as well as now, but there were, nevertheless, 27 proprietors in 1644, compared with 21 in 1871. Of these 27, no less than 21 were Mackenzies, of whom there yet remain three direct representatives in the district - Sir Kenneth Mackenzie of Gairloch, Bart., Countess of Cromartie (Duchess of Sutherland), and Sir Robert Mackenzie of Coul, Bart. One Murdoch Matheson is proprietor in the parish of Lochalsh of £100 Scots, the ancestor of the large proprietors of

1871.

The properties in Mid Ross were of smaller extent and value, and the properties consequently more numerous. In 1644, there were 97 - of whom Mackenzie 29, Munro 17, Fraser 6, Bain 4, Innes 3. The parish of Rosemarkie alone had 30 heritors, all except two, under £300 Scots rental. There are now 16 proprietors in this parish. The direct representatives of the heritors of 1644 in the district are fifteen in number.

The heritors in 1644 in Easter Ross were 67 in number. Of these there are yet nine direct representatives - Ross of Balnagown, of Pitcalnie, of Invercharron, of Sandwich (Rose), Munro of Fowlis, Ross of Tarlogie, Countess of Cromartie, Mackenzie of Kincaig, Robertson of Kindeace.

The properties are divided thus:

- 18 Under £300.
- 22 £300 and under £1000
- 28 £1000 and under £3000
- 15 £3000 and under £10,000
- 3 £10,000 and under £15,000
- 1 £15,000 and under £20,000
- 1 Above £20,000.

[Ed: this extract clearly shows the rapid disappearance of the big Clan Mackenzie property owners (heritors) as they sold their properties to the land improvers. The Earl of Seaforth the biggest landowner in 1644 lost his lands and titles following the 1715 Jacobite uprising. I made a huge mistake in Scotland this year by referring to the "uprising" as the Jacobite "Rebellion" for which I was truly pounced upon! Once bitten, twice shy!]

CROMARTYSHIRE

Here is a nice piece of trivia for Mackenzies. This tiny county, which was later amalgamated into the large county of Ross-shire to become the county of Ross and Cromarty, was formed at the request of the first Earl of Cromartie and it included only the lands which he owned. Since these lands were very scattered the county was a very untidy one with bits spread all over the Highlands.

It was described as the "third smallest in Scotland" and was formerly called *Crombathi*. Now that is very interesting because the famous King of Scotland, Macbeth, famous from the play by Shakespeare, once

had the title of Thane of Crombarthi. Since the ancient title of thane, was roughly equivalent to that of an earl, it is nice to pretend that Macbeth was the first Earl of Cromarty!

OBITUARY - WARREN EMORY

Emory, Warren Alexander, born 13 July 1925 died of cancer in Sunnybrook K Wing on Saturday, 12 Nov 2005. He was the beloved husband of Eleanor Thomson of King Township and brother of Beryl Tucker of Waubaushene. During WWII Warren served his country in the RCNVR – North Atlantic Theatre. He was a Life Member and Past President of RCL Branch 316 in Waubaushene as well as Veterans' Service Officer and Poppy Chair for Zone E4 of the

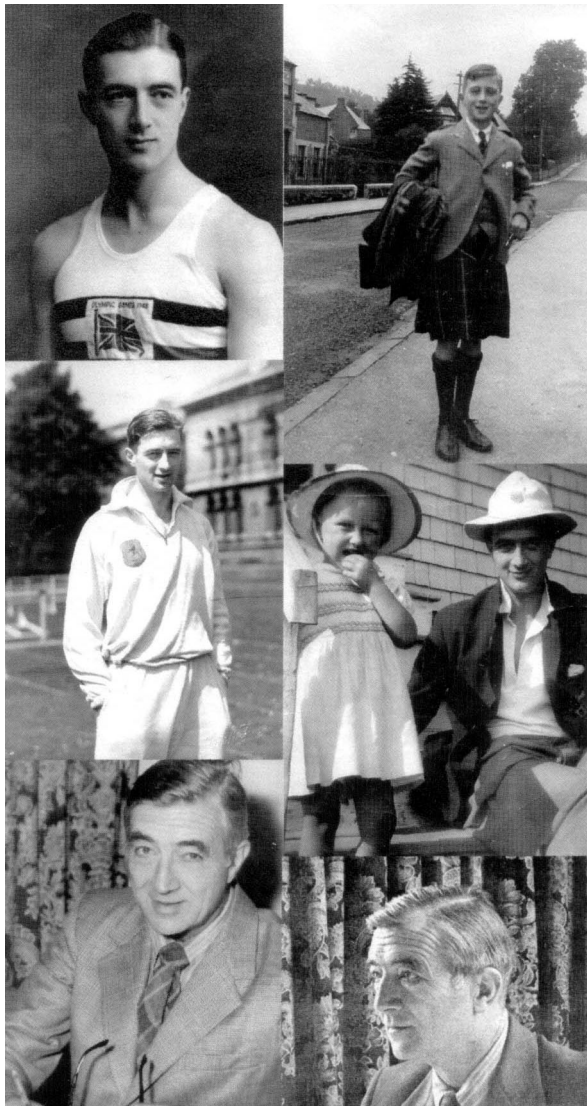


Legion. A graveside ceremony will be held in Waubaushene Veterans' Cemetery on Monday Nov. 21st at 2:30 pm for interment of Warren's ashes. A memorial service is to be held in Aurora Legion, Branch 385, 105 Industrial Parkway North, on Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 2 pm for Warren.

We often saw Warren when he accompanied his wife Eleanor Thomson at our occasional Clan Committee Meetings. We sent a donation from the clan to the Waubaushene Legion Poppy Fund in memory of Warren.

OBITUARY - DAVID DOUGLAS MACKENZIE 1921-2005

Former Clan Mackenzie Society President, Roddy MacKenzie, was a speaker at the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the life of David D. Mackenzie held on November 12, 2005 at Brentwood College School. David Mackenzie attended



Morrison's Academy, Crieff and Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh where his sporting talents were first noticed. During the second World War he was commissioned into the RAF in 1941. He was a pilot of both fighters and bombers in the European theatre. He resumed his studies after the war ended gaining an M.A. in History from Edinburgh University. In 1948 he was selected as a member of the British Olympic Team at the London Olympics. He was also a Scottish rugby international. David joined the Royal Canadian Navy and was stationed in Nova Scotia and British Columbia. He taught at officer leadership schools in Greenwich, England and Royal Roads Military Academy on Vancouver Island.

After resigning his commission as a Lieutenant-Commander he became Headmaster of Brentwood College on Vancouver island, re-founding a school that had closed thirteen years previously. For the next fifteen years David guided the school through its growing pains, oversaw the campus expansion, championed the switch to co-educational status in 1972, and was Chairman of the Canadian Independent Schools Headmasters Conference. David retired from Brentwood in 1976 but was still active and in 1984 chaired a public meeting in West Vancouver for the creation of a new independent school, which was to become Collingwood School and for which he was the founding Headmaster. After retirement he helped found other schools and he continued teaching until past his eightieth birthday.

DNA PROJECT - AN UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2005

In a little over one year the MacKenzie Clan has recruited 100 members to join the Mackenzie/McKenzie DNA Project. The results which are constantly updated can be seen at the web page: www.electricscotland.com/mackenzie .

We now have a useful database and it is a good time to ask many more members to join and establish further clan relationships. Almost half the members, whose results are in, share with one or more members a matching DNA indicating that they share a recent common ancestor. Some of these finds have been most exciting and have established a detailed correspondence and exchange of family trees. As more people join we expect to see many close relationships established.

We welcome your participation. Please contact the DNA Project Coordinator, Alan McKenzie at alan@mkz.com if you wish to join or if you have specific questions. Also see the web page www.FamilyTreeDNA.com for the range of tests available.



**POOLE — Jean Elizabeth
1925 - 2005**

Jean Elizabeth (nee Hall) Poole of Calgary passed away after a brief battle with cancer on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at the age of 80 years. Jean was born on September 19, 1925 in Dawson Creek. Jean moved to Vancouver as a young adult, coming to Calgary in the late 1940's. Jean worked as an accountant for McTavish and MacKay Construction for many years. She was an active member of the Parkdale United Church and Women's Christian Fellowship. She was a volunteer grandmother for over ten years with the Grandparents Program at Ranchlands Community School. She was also an active Social Committee Member at her Condo Association. Jean will be remembered for her energy, enthusiasm, friendship, love, and devotion. Jean has been a guiding light to her family, and will be missed more than we can express. Jean is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Alan Norris of Calgary; grandchildren, Andrea Norris-Tompkins, Colin Norris, and Kirsten Norris of Calgary, and Cory and Jennifer Estrela of Toronto; as well as many close friends and extended family at the Parkdale United Church. She was predeceased by her husband Glenallen in 1988 and a son Jameson Laird in 1957. Those wishing to pay their respects may do so at McINNIS & HOLLOWAY'S Crowfoot Chapel (82 Crowfoot Circle N.W.) on Saturday, November 5, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Funeral Services will be held at McInnis & Holloway's Crowfoot Chapel (82 Crowfoot Circle N.W.) on Saturday, November 5, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Jan Craig of Parkdale United Church, Presider. Forward condolences through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. In living memory of Jean Poole, a tree will be planted by McINNIS & HOLLOWAY FUNERAL HOMES, Crowfoot Chapel, 82 CROWFOOT CIRCLE N.W., CALGARY. Telephone: 403-241-0044.



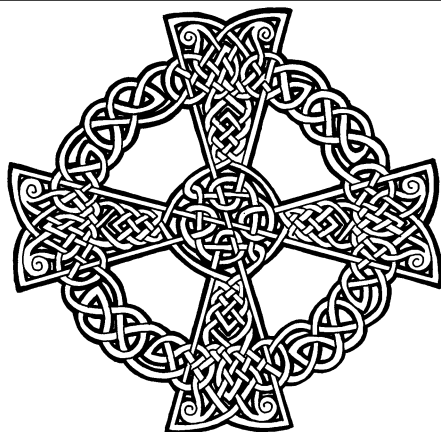
Jean Poole was a longtime member of the Clan MacKenzie Society in Calgary.

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